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Title: Intelligence Sources

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

Intelligence sources for the urban environment include a wide variety of unique organizations the Marine Corps does not normally deal with.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Getting information on the area of operations and the threat in LA required extensive liaison with civilian law enforcement agencies at various levels of government. In LA, for example, the SPMAGTF established exchange relationships with the local (Compton and Long Beach) police departments, local city command posts, the LAPD command center, the LAPD Emergency Operation Center, the LA City command center, the LA Sheriff's Office, the FBI office in LA, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, and Tobacco (BATF) office in LA, among others. One Marine officer in G-2 was a reserve officer in an adjacent police department, and used his contacts to develop additional sources and contacts. Of note, civilian agencies are very cooperative once a personal working relationship has been established.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Once a deployment area has been identified, start developing an intelligence source network through law enforcement agencies. Having at least one member of the command who has personal contacts with at least one law enforcement agency will greatly facilitate starting this net.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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